

**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL**(Only for new nonprovisional applications  
under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

8638

First Inventor

Christopher Bewick-Sonntag

Assignee

The Procter &amp; Gamble Company

Title

Improved Topsheet for Contacting Hydrour  
Body Tissues and Absorbent Device with  
Such a Topsheet

Express Mail Label No.

EF258068378US

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status  
(see 37 CFR §1.27)
3. ☒ Specification Total Pages [111]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC §113) Total Sheets [14]
5. Oath or Declaration Total pages ☐
  - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR §1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 complete)
  - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTORS**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application,  
see 37 CFR §§1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR §1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ Paper
  - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C.  
122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form  
PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other: .....

**18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR §1.76:☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-part (CIP)of prior application No. 09/637,440

Prior application information:

Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

Group/Art Unit: 3763

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
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**Complete if Known**

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Filing Date	July 13, 2001
First Named Inventor	Christopher Philip Bewick-Sonntag
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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to:

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- Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under status. See 37 CFR §127
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- 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17

**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE - Large Entity**

Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 710	Utility filing fee	[710]
106 320	Design filing fee	
107 490	Plant filing fee	
108 710	Reissue filing fee	
114 150	Provisional filing fee	

**SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)[710]****EXTRA CLAIM FEES - Large Entity**

	Extra	Below	Fee
	Claims	Fee	Paid
Total Claims	[65] - 20** = [45]	x	[18] = [810]
Independent Claims	[7] - 3** = [4]	x	[80] = [320]
Multiple Dependent			[ ] = [ ]

\*\* or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

Code (\$)	Fee Description
103 18	Claims in excess of 20
102 80	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 270	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 80	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 & over original patent

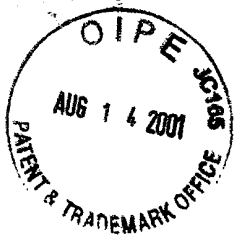
**SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)[1130]****FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105 130	Surcharge-late filing fee or oath	
127 50	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner's action	
113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner's action	
115 110	Extension for reply within 1 <sup>st</sup> month	
116 390	Extension for reply within 2 <sup>nd</sup> month	
117 890	Extension for reply within 3 <sup>rd</sup> month	
118 1,390	Extension for reply within 4 <sup>th</sup> month	
128 1,890	Extension for reply within 5 <sup>th</sup> month	
119 310	Notice of Appeal	
120 310	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 270	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,240	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,240	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 440	Design issue fee	
144 600	Plant issue fee	
122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	
146 710	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149 710	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179 710	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169 710	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_\* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid **SUBTOTAL(3) (\$)[ ]****SUBMITTED BY**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Christopher Bewick-Sonntag :  
Serial No. 09/905,804 :  
Confirmation No. 7355 :  
Filed July 13, 2001 :

For: Improved Topsheet for Contacting Hydrous Body Tissues and Absorbent Device with Such a Topsheet

COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS

Box Missing Parts

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

[X] This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (PTO-1533) mailed August 2, 2001. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted (Form PTO-1533) is enclosed.

[X] No declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application.

[] The declaration or oath that was filed was determined to be defective. A new original oath or declaration is attached.

[] This replies to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed \_\_\_. A copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers is enclosed. To complete the informalities noted on the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, applicant submits herewith:

[] New drawings complying with the size requirements (in compliance with 37 CFR §1.84);

[] Drawings of sufficient quality to readily use the patent application publication as a prior art document;

[] Specification of sufficient quality for optical character recognition (OCR) conversion of image to text;

[] Title and/or Abstract in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.72;

[] Sequence listings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821 *et seq.*

[] Other (please specify). \_\_.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR §1.16(e) to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge payment of any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

[] The Commissioner is also hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Notice to File Missing Parts to preserve the pendency of the above-identified application. The processing fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is as follows:

- [] \$110.00 for one-month extension of time;
- [] \$390.00 for two-month extension of time;
- [] \$890.00 for three-month extension of time.

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Respectfully submitted,

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